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LIVE SPORTS RETURN WARMS FANS' HEARTS

Charity match with golf, football stars is a sight for sore eyes, Golden says

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CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Riverside nursing home a hot spot

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An East Austin nursing home in the Central Texas community hit hardest by the coronavirus has reported dozens of cases among its residents and staff, including at least one death.

Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has documented one of the highest numbers of cases of the disease among the city's nursing homes — 82, relatives of Riverside residents said they were told by facility directors on Friday. However, city and facility officials would not confirm the exact number or say how many residents have died

Watchdog reporting

Go online for an interactive map that shows the pandemic's reach by ZIP code and find Sunday's in-depth look at why certain neighborhoods are hit hardest.

of the disease, citing privacy concerns. Based on anonymized data from city health officials, it's likely that multiple Riverside residents have died.

Riverside and several other Central Texas nursing homes — including West Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, which has the most cases, with 111 staffers and residents diagnosed with

the disease — are operated by Victoria-based Regency Integrated Health Services, owned by the Hamilton County Hospital District east of Waco.

"It's just incredible they didn't protect anybody," said Dawn Maracle, whose 74-year-old stepfather, a resident at Riverside, has been hospitalized with COVID-19 for more than a month. "He was supposed to be safe and taken care of."

The federal government cited 122-bed Riverside 10 times in 2019 for health violations; the average in Texas was seven.

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Delia Satterwhite holds photos of her brother Stephen Morales at her home in Southeast Austin. Morales, who had dementia, had been living at Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for four years when he became sick with the coronavirus. The last time Satterwhite spoke with her brother was April 9, when the nursing home allowed her to visit him through the window. On April 16, Morales died of the virus. [BRONTE WITTPENN/AMERICAN-STATESMAN]



Stony Point High School graduating senior Elise Arzola, 18, drapes herself in a Texas A&M University flag as she prepares to participate in the school's Senior Strong Parade on Saturday. With traditional graduations gone this year because of the coronavirus pandemic, students and staff came up with an alternative celebration. [ANDY SHARP FOR STATESMAN]

High school seniors create own milestones

Pandemic robs students of proms, graduation but some still make memories

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Sydney Carreon slipped on a borrowed blush gown and hoop earrings, dabbing

on a little extra makeup as she got ready alongside her three best friends.

The Rouse High School graduating seniors sang karaoke, played games, danced and created TikTok videos well into the night. Their catered Italian dinner and homemade photo booth finished off the touches

to their recent makeshift prom.

"We had been planning for our senior prom all year. There was just no way we were going to let it slip out of our hands," said Carreon, 18.

The coronavirus pandemic shuttered schools abruptly in mid-March, canceling

proms, graduations and college acceptance celebrations for thousands of graduating Texas seniors. But Carreon and other Austin-area students decided COVID-19 wouldn't stop them from creating their own milestones.

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Cops want clarity on COVID-19 deaths

Governor's office says officers eligible for line of duty money, but they seek guarantee

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Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar will always remember the cheerful deputy who went out of his way to greet him.

Timothy De La Fuente had been a sheriff's employee for 27 years, working most recently at the county jail, the site of a COVID-19 outbreak in April.

"If I would walk through, he would stop what he would be doing and run over to me and shake my hand," Salazar said. "Just a great guy."

On April 30, De La Fuente became what is thought to be one of the first law enforcement officers to die of the virus in Texas. Given his long hours and the dozens of inmates diagnosed with the virus, Salazar and other supervisors are certain De La Fuente contracted COVID-19 on the job.

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White House imposes travel ban on Brazil

By Darlene Superville

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Sunday further limited travel from the world's coronavirus hotspots by denying entry to foreigners coming from Brazil, which is second

to the U.S. in the number of confirmed cases.

Trump had already banned certain travelers from China, Europe, the United Kingdom and Ireland and, to a lesser extent, Iran. He has not moved to ban travel from Russia, which has the world's third-highest caseload.

Trump had said last week that he was considering limiting travel from Brazil.

White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany cast the step announced Sunday as another "decisive action to protect our country" by Trump, whose management of the crisis has come under

sharp scrutiny.

The U.S. leads the world with more than 1.6 million confirmed coronavirus cases, and a death toll that is expected to surpass 100,000 later this week, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.

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PARKS CLOSE AFTER TOO MANY VISITORS

It was the second day in a row four parks stopped allowing visitors